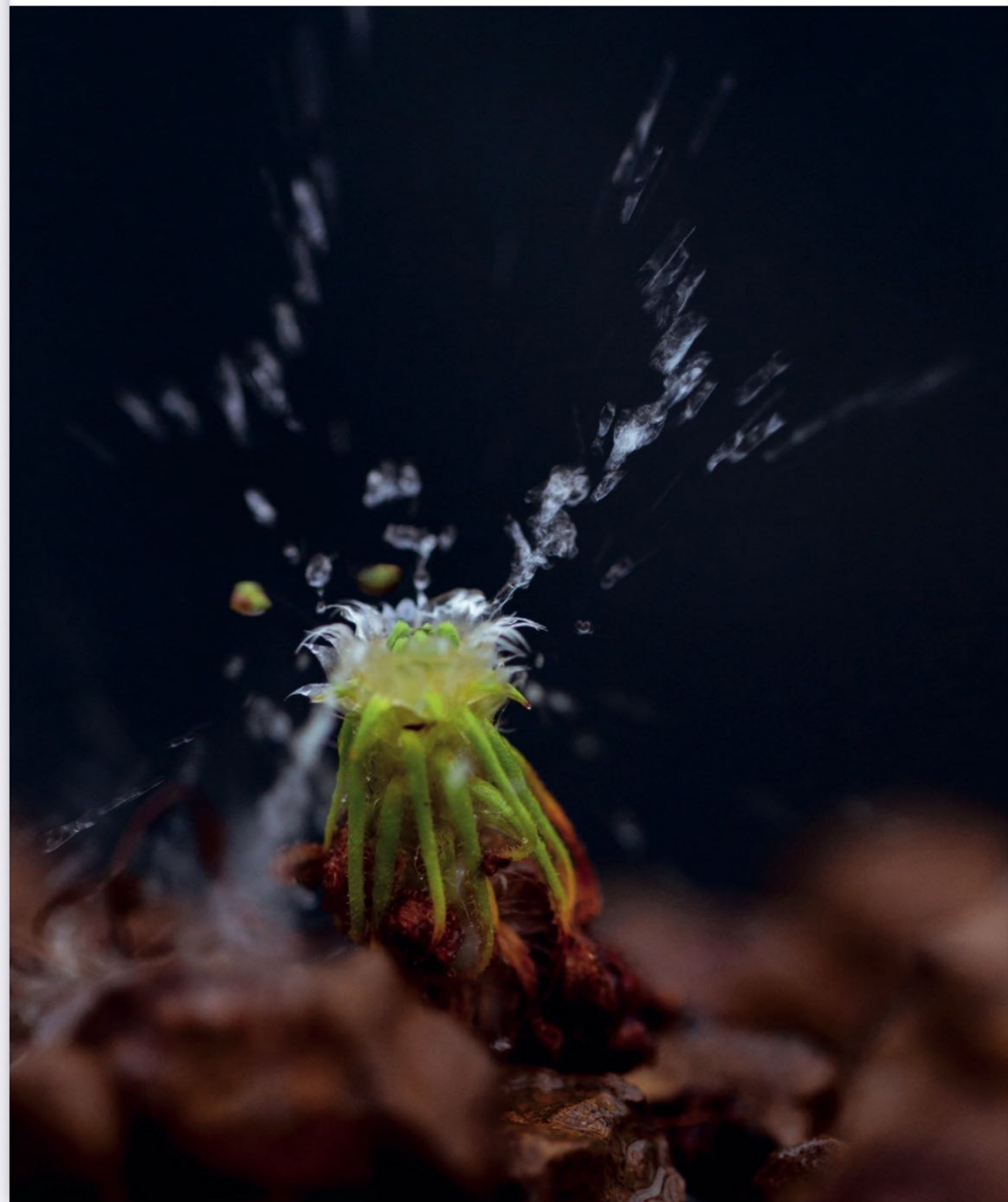


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Dionaea 'EEC Purple People Eater'

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Dionaea 'EEC Purple People Eater' (Fig. 2) is the product of a collaboration between Evan Wang and Craig Heath. Hand pollination was performed in the summer of 2018 by Evan, Emmy, and Stephen Wang with isolation of flowers after pollination. The seed was the product of crossing *D.* 'FTS Maroon Monster' with *D.* 'Jaws Smiley'. Numerous seeds from this cross were grown by both Evan Wang and Craig Heath. Of the over 80 seeds, only one (grown in Lorton, Virginia) developed the unique phenotype of *D.* 'EEC Purple People Eater'.

Dionaea 'EEC Purple People Eater' is characterized by dentate-type cilia, similar to *D.* 'UK II' but the cilia are longer. Traps and petioles are green with prominent purple coloration of the petioles and external traps. Trap morphology is reniform with somewhat elongated forms that reflect the *D.* 'Jaws Smiley' parentage. Traps are symmetric and fully functional, able to completely seal and digest prey. Trigger hairs are standard three per trap side. Trap size measures up to 1.3 cm and the petioles measure up to 4.5 cm. Petiole growth is prostrate similar to *D.* 'Jaws Smiley'.

The name 'Purple People Eater' is a reference to the popular song by Sheb Wooley (1958) and is inspired by its stout, teeth-like cilia and purple coloration. Additionally, the acronym for 'Purple People Eater', PPE, is a reference to personal protective equipment which has become a common term in the COVID pandemic, during which plant selection was performed. 'EEC' is an acronym for Ev & Em Carnivorium where hand pollination and seed development was performed.

Dionaea 'EEC Purple People Eater' can only be propagated vegetatively by rhizome or leaf/floral cuttings to preserve the unique characteristics of the cultivar. *D.* 'EEC Purple People Eater' is currently grown only in Palo Alto, California and Lorton, Virginia.

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Figure 2: *Dionaea* 'EEC Purple People Eater'.